THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that the number of patients attending All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. RML Hospital and other hospitals in Delhi is gradully increasing in the last few years. However, within the constraints of space and finance in these hospitals, adequate medical care is being provided to all. These hospitals provide tertiary care facilities to a large section of patients not only from Delhi but also from adjoining States and other parts of the country. However, in order to reduce the inflow of patients coming from outside, the Government is setting up six AIIMS like institutions and upgrading seven existing Medical Institutes under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in other parts of the country.

Delay in Supply of Medical Equipments

3966. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vital equipments including M.R.I, machines, Brachtherapy machine, etc. have not been installed as yet in Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi despite the fact that tenders were floated for those items about two years back; and •

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefore and by when these equipments are proposed to be installed in the Hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Purchase of costly & vital equipments like M.R.I, machines, Brachy therapy etc. in the Central Government Hospital is done after following all codal formalities as laid down in the rules.

In case of Safdarjung Hospital, the tenders for procurement of MRI machine Brachy Therapy machine were floated in the month of November 2004. After following all codal formalities, orders have already been placed for their procurement and the same are likeiy to be installed during the current financial year.